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1. This report supplements Special Report No. 42 (10 February 1946). See also Special Report No. 51.

2. In compliance with SSU instructions, source has been keeping tab on WEINERT's activities. In gathering the information put forth in this report, source has been greatly aided by the fact that WEINERT believes in his unquestioning loyalty to Captain SKURIN; source has taken pains not to disabuse him.

3. WEINERT's original mission, handed to him by his controlling officer Captain SKURIN, was to ascertain the whereabouts of his former colleagues among the Nationalsozialistische Führungsgruppen (NSFO) and of members of the Reichspropagandaministerium down to the clerical help. This assignment came to an end some time in December 1945.

4. At present, source believes, WEINERT's principal occupation is to write Stimmungsberichte (reports on public sentiment and the general situation). However, source gathers from stray indications that WEINERT also collects information of a military and political nature originating in the U.S. and British zone of Germany.

5. WEINERT's last trip took him to PLauen and GERA. Source observes that these localities are close to the southern demarcation line, separating the Soviet from the United States zone. He was absent from BERLIN from the 17th until the 23rd of March. After his return he related to source what had transpired on this trip. Source considers the following salient occurrences, taken from WEINERT's account, as of possible interest to us:

6. In PLauen, WEINERT happened to be present when a Russian girl interpreter was arrested, after it had been established 'beyond peradventure' that she worked for the United States Secret Service. She had been given instructions to gather intelligence of a military nature.

7. WEINERT claimed to have learned that U. S. armored formations are being concentrated in the general area of FULDA and also that U. S. troops had moved into parts of the British zone.

8. WEINERT had on repeated occasions told source that his relations to SKURIN were excellent, which could be explained by the fact that their political opinions happen to be the same. Source is convinced that WEINERT is telling the truth, and believes that the following significant incident sheds some light on WEINERT's true leanings: WEINERT told source one day, with a ring of

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indignation in his voice, that a colleague of his who lived in BERLIN/FROHNNAU had worked both for SKURIN and the Americans. WEINERT had learned about this and forthwith notified SKURIN who had the traitor arrested.

9. Source learned from WEINERT that he frequently visits the British and American sectors where he carries out investigations.

10. WEINERT left BERLIN on 26 March for NEUHALDENSLEBEN and MAGDEBURG. He has promised to call on source as soon as he gets back, presumably on 1 April.

SSU COMMENT:

1. AB61 has instructed source to continue observing WEINERT's activities, in particular to try to get hold of one of his Stimmungsberichte.

2. Source contends that it would be an extremely hazardous enterprise to turn WEINERT, because in his whole mental makeup and also in his basic philosophy he is oriented toward the East. He had, up to the bitter end, held on to the national socialist Weltanschauung and then, very determinedly looked for a berth in the Bolshevik camp.

3. AB 51: It would be comparatively easy to arrest WEINERT in one of the Allied sectors. Given the absolute assurance that WEINERT, apprehended, will (without promise of a return engagement) disappear without leaving a trace, his interrogation should prove of considerable value to us. Without this assurance, he would merely be a menace to the security of source and had better be left alone.

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